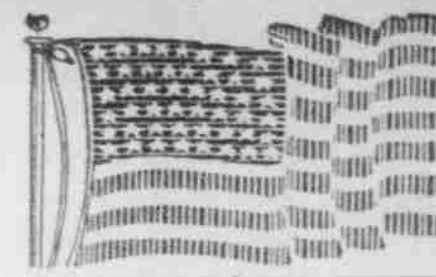


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GERMANS HURL NEW DIVISIONS AT FOE

BATTLE IS ON GAMBLERS IN FOODSTUFFS

Fight for Larger Supply and Less Consumption Is a Blow at Profiteers.

HOUSEWIVES SNARED

Play Into Speculators Hands by Buying Quantities in Fear of Famine.

Chicago, April 19.—Soaring prices of canned goods today brought home the possibility that the fight for adequate food supply is not merely a struggle to increase production and decrease consumption but may be a battle with gamblers who are trying to reap enormous profits by capitalizing the people's fear of famine.

But, as of current goods for summer use, the price of canned goods has risen 100 per cent. The remainder of last year's canning has been proportionately reduced. Housewives have taken fright and are buying in bulk quantities in fear of famine. The speculators who are playing into the hands of the gamblers, for the reduction of the present supply is being effected by the speculators who are buying in bulk quantities in fear of famine. The speculators who are playing into the hands of the gamblers, for the reduction of the present supply is being effected by the speculators who are buying in bulk quantities in fear of famine.

Housewives Cause Trouble. "The hoarding threatens to become a disaster to the nation," said the National Food Administration. The food supply is adequate. The hoarding threatens to become a disaster to the nation. The food supply is adequate. The hoarding threatens to become a disaster to the nation. The food supply is adequate.

A line in the office of bread is looked on by buyers as an indication in view of the shortage of flour. The government has issued a warning that the flour shortage is not as serious as it is being made out to be.

GREECE HELD IN CABINET CRISIS

Athens, April 19.—An Athens dispatch says that the cabinet crisis has been in connection with the impending election. The king had a long conference with the British minister on Wednesday, this being the first time since the British representative arrived in Athens last December.

Latest Bulletins

Madrid, April 19.—The Spanish cabinet has resigned. London, April 19.—There have been further losses recently of British hospital ships which will be published shortly. Andrew Barron, a member of the war council, announced in the House of Commons today. Washington, April 19.—Debate on the administration army bill will begin in the House on Monday. Washington, April 19.—A total net gain of 2,275 recruits for the army is reported for yesterday in the daily recruiting bulletin made public today at the war department. Illinois again led in the number of men accepted with 217.

Deny Attack on Ship by a German Sub

Berlin, April 19, (via London, 1:10 p. m.)—It is officially announced that there is no submarine attack on the western part of the Atlantic.

The statement follows: "The Reuter telegram regarding an attack by a German submarine on the American destroyer Smith can be described only as a frivolous means of attributing to Germany the opening of hostilities. In fact no submarine is yet in the western half of the Atlantic."

SEA CLASH RUMOR IS FALSE ALARM

Boston Navy Official Denies Reports of Cannonading Off Point of Cape Cod Yesterday.

Boston, Mass., April 18.—(4) was officially announced that no cannonading was placed in reports from three coast guard stations on Cape Cod that heavy gunfire had been heard off the coast. The positive statement was made that there had been no cannonading, and that the reports had been the result of a misunderstanding with foreign vessels.

The announcement that heavy gunfire had been heard during the morning yesterday was also issued officially at the navy yard. It was based on reports from Cape Cod received by Lieutenant E. H. Haddock, in charge of the naval radio district. Newspaper correspondents at points on the cape reported that they had not heard any gunfire.

GUARDSMAN SHOT ON DUTY; WILL DIE

New Jersey Trooper Protecting Bridge Fired On From Ambush in Night—Assaulters Escaped.

Trenton, N. J., April 19.—A shot fired from an ambush mortally wounded Roger Price, 18 years old, private in Company B, Second regiment New Jersey National Guards, who was on duty guarding a railroad bridge near Yardville, N. J., early today. The bridge is a 30-foot trestle over Cross Creek, which is a tributary of the Delaware River. The bridge is a 30-foot trestle over Cross Creek, which is a tributary of the Delaware River.

SENATE IS GIVEN BILL FOR STATE DEFENSE COUNCIL

Measure Framed by General Dickson to Create War Body Is Introduced.

Springfield, Ill., April 19.—A state council of defense to cooperate with a national council to investigate and control all questions of defense during the war was proposed in a bill drafted by Adjutant General Dickson and introduced in the senate today by Senator Tamm. It was advanced to second reading without reference to the committee and will be rushed to passage as rapidly as possible.

The state council would be composed of 15 members named by the governor and confirmed by the senate. They would serve during the war and would receive no pay. The \$50,000 appropriation asked would be only for the purpose of necessary expenses. The duties of the bill would be to cooperate with the national and other state councils in devising means of defending the state and carrying on the war, carrying out to Illinois any plans agreed upon with the national council and to recommend to the governor.

PAUL REVERE RIDE IS DONE OVER NATION

Anniversary of Beginning of American Revolution Is Celebrated.

STIRS UP OLD SPIRIT

People Turn Out in Great Throngs in Parades—Flyers Drop Posters.

New York, April 9.—The patriotic spirit of New York was stirred today by reminders of the battle of Lexington and the beginning of the American fight for independence. Nearly 200,000 persons took active part in parades and meetings and other demonstrations throughout the city to celebrate the 122nd anniversary of the beginning of the revolution and to stimulate patriotism in the army and navy.

"Vive up, America day," began at midnight, followed by the ringing of church bells and the cheering of crowds of thousands while a young woman in the costume of Paul Revere rode through the street, summoning the men of America to answer their country's call in the new struggle for human liberty.

Flyers Drop Posters. The feature of the celebration is a great parade this afternoon in which thousands of patriotic organizations will participate. One division will assemble nearly 5,000 citizens of Great Britain and Canada. Before the parade starts, modern Paul Revere's of the air will leave the aviation school at Mineola and fly over the city dropping posters appealing for recruits. These posters speak of the 13th of England as a "Tribute" to the men of America.

MASSACHUSETTS CELEBRATES

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STATE COURT HOLDS COMMISSION RIGHT

Springfield, Ill., April 19.—The supreme court today upheld the constitutionality of the state public utilities commission in the case of the city of Chicago against the commission in which the right of a city to regulate public utilities through franchise contracts was at issue.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity. Showers tonight and probably Friday. Temperature at 7 a. m. 60; highest yesterday, 62; lowest last night, 46. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 6 miles per hour. Precipitation, 1.3 inch. Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 69; at 7 a. m. 91; at 1 p. m. today, 86. Stage of water, 11.9; a rise of .3 in last 24 hours. J. M. SHERIER, Meteorologist.



Claim Huge Berlin Strike Now Ended

Copenhagen, April 17, (via London, April 19, 9:20 a. m.)—The latest German newspaper to arrive here, including the socialist organs, confirm the semi-official announcement that the Berlin strike has ended. A preliminary was reached after an almost unanimous decision by the metal workers to resume work following the granting of their principal demands.

Among the concessions made by the government are compliance with the demands of the union for the restoration of a standing committee of labor representatives which will have a voice in the food distribution in greater Berlin, a promise that strikers will not be punished by being sent to the front, explicit assurances of adequate food rations and other measures against evictions of the food regulations by the police. The Vorwarts today, less hampered by censorship, holds the account of the strike—Berlin Munition Workers on Strike. The paper says that work ceased completely on Monday in about three hundred munition plants and that 210,000 strikers reported to the metal workers' union alone. This number was further swelled by strikers who failed to report and by participants in other trades. As against these figures the official news bureau in a statement for home consumption asserted that the number of strikers was about 125,000.

War Grooms

War Department Says Men Who Married Since Outbreak of War Will Not Escape Service.

Washington, April 19.—Men of military age who have married since a state of war against Germany was declared will not escape their obligation to military service under a war department policy, formally announced today. The department's statement follows: "The war department announces that all men married since the outbreak of war will be treated upon the same basis as unmarried men in so far as their military obligations are concerned. It is desired that the utmost publicity be given by the press to this announcement. The department was moved to take this action in order that all men should understand exactly what is contemplated in the organization of an army to fight Germany. It was desired that there should arise no question of slackers on the score of marriages contracted since the outbreak of war, with the possible construction that 'the marriage in any case was hastened in order that military duty might be evaded.'

"YOU'RE ACCEPTED" By BRINKERHOFF.



RUSSIA WILL NOT DESERT THE ENTENTE

Petrograd, April 19, (via London, 12:45 p. m.)—Russia's allies need have no fear that she will desert the alliance of weaker her resistance to the enemy. Professor Paul Minskoff, the foreign minister, said today in an address to representatives of British and French workmen who are now in Petrograd.

"We understand that at the moment of the revolution you might be afraid we would lose our strength for resistance," said the foreign minister. "I beg you to announce to your countrymen that free Russia has become doubly strong through democraticization." Washington, D. C., April 19.—Assurances have reached Washington that under no conditions now conceivable will the provisional government of Russia yield to the overtures from German and Austrian socialist representatives to negotiate a separate peace.

The War Today

Germany has thrown nearly a quarter million fresh troops into the fray on the 60-mile sector of the western front between Soissons and Amiens and still is unable to check the French advance. Both north of the Aisne and in the Champagne General Nivelle's forces are pressing forward. In the Champagne the successes of the French are equally striking. They have driven a great wedge more than three miles deep into the German lines between Rheims and Aubert. The tone of the whole French official communication today is notably confident. The complete repulse of every German attempt at a reaction is unequivocally claimed. That notable activities are in progress behind the British front, in preparation for the renewal of the attack on Lens and St. Quentin and other threatened points, is certain. The French have so far taken more than 17,000 unwounded prisoners in their offensive. At last accounts the British had taken in excess of 14,000. In the forest of Ville-Au-Bois 1300 Germans threw down their arms and surrendered. Immense quantities of war stores have been taken by the French.

Chicago May Shut Up Bars as War Move

Chicago, April 19.—The dry Chicago Federation has asked Mayor William Hale Thompson to refuse to renew saloon licenses which expire May 1, the refusal to be effective for the duration of the war. It is said that with the exception of approximately 20, all the saloons in the city will be affected by the order if it is issued as their licenses expire on that date. The mayor has asked the corporation counsel for a ruling as to the legality of such a step.

REVENTLOW SLAMS AUSTRO PEACE TALK

Amsterdam, via London, April 19.—The proposal of Count Czernin, Austrian foreign minister, for a peace conference of all belligerents, is attacked by Count von Reventlow, in the Berlin Tageszeitung, as meaning ruin to the German empire. Von Reventlow declares that Count Czernin took no account of the fact that the German empire is now fighting a battle "which must lead to victory." He declared that a conference on the basis of the principles recommended by the Austrian minister would destroy Germany internally and externally.

Two Simultaneous Attacks.

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226,000 MORE MEN FAIL TO STOP FRENCH

Quarter of Million Fresh Troops Thrown Into Fight on the France Front.

UNABLE TO STEM TIDE

Nivelle's Soldiers Press Forward Despite Terrific Effort of Enemy.

Berlin, April 19, (via London, 4 p. m.)—The battle in the Champagne northwest of Aubert yesterday continued into the night, says today's official announcement. This morning the fighting increased in intensity as a result of the introduction of fresh forces. Paris, April 19, (Noon.)—The Germans threw 12 new divisions against the French between Soissons and Aubert last night. The war office announces today that they were unable to check the successful offensive of the French. Twelve German divisions at war strength constitute a force of about 226,000 men.

The French continued to make progress north of Vailly and Oisel, notwithstanding violent German attacks. The successes of the French in the Champagne were followed by further advances in the region of Moronvillers. Several important heights and strong positions were taken. Two more batteries of German artillery were captured on the front between Soissons and Aubert.

Hindenburg Wall Shaken. That section of Von Hindenburg's granite wall which runs from Soissons to Rheims has been shaken to its foundation by the terrific blows of General Nivelle. The French have the whole front now and the Germans are still staggering from the great blows dealt them on Monday. The French soldiers who won the first line have been relieved by fresh formations and the second phase of the battle has begun with renewed vigor. Make Substantial Gains.

Unaffected by counter attacks in some places and the sturdy resistance offered everywhere, the French have gained substantial advantages. The enemy made a desperate effort to stem the tide between Juvincourt and Berry-Au-Bac. This is the weakest point of his line, being devoid of natural defenses. Thirty thousand of the best German troops were hurled forward here in a furious counter attack but the move had been foreseen and the French guns were ready. Artillery and machine guns smashed away at wave after wave of the green clad soldiers until finally the attempt was given up after awful casualties.

Further details of yesterday's battle from Soissons to Aubert show that the French infantry tactically outclassed the Germans. The first army, operating from Soissons to Craonne, established itself on Monday night along the front running from north of Margival and Vauxaillart to the south of Craonne, by Vignory, Chavonne, Chiry and Aulnoy. North of the Chiry-Aulnoy line the enemy remained all the night and a feeling had to be won there before the operation so auspiciously begun, could be properly completed.

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'BLIND MAN' LOSES SUIT FOR LOOKING AT PRETTY ANKLE

Chicago, April 19.—Peter Zyla really saw Miss Hazel Daley's ankle. In consequence, he lost his suit against the Hartford Accident and Indemnity company for \$5,000 for loss of eyesight. The verdict was rendered yesterday by the industrial commission. Two of the commissioners, Judge J. B. Vaughn and P. J. Haughey, voted against him. Commissioner Robert Ladle voted for him. Zyla announced that he would appeal to the state supreme court. Zyla was employed in the plant of the Chicago Production company. He claimed to have been made blind by alternating currents of heat and cold. The industrial commission allowed him \$5,000 damages. Then the insurance company employed movie picture people to test Zyla's eyesight. They staged a moving picture in his back yard last December. Miss Daley was a pretty actress and when she raised her skirts a trifle Zyla, according to the moving picture people, caught the act with his eyes and apparently enjoyed the spectacle. The fact that Zyla could not make his eyes behave may cost him the amount for which he sued.